allowance to Lab. Assistants has been taken up. The suggestion for increasing the pay scales of Music Teachers has not been found acceptable. Also, the suggestion for revival of the cadre of Laboratory Assistant, introduction of a larger number of subjects like Drawing, Music etc. at plus 2 stage and provision of class IV employee for School library have not been found acceptable.

(c) and (d) On a request from the General Secretary, AIKVTA for an informal meeting of representatives of the Association, the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan agreed to meet them on 5th April, 1989 alongwith other Senior Officers of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. However, the General Secretary, AIKVTA alone attended this meeting in which he wanted to discuss cases of individual teachers and also questioned the policies of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. It was pointed out to him that, in accordance with the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Recognition of Association) Rules, the Association should not espouse or support the cause of individual employees. In view of the intemperate behaviour and unco-operative attitude of the General Secretary of AIKVTA, the meeting could not continue.

**Proposals pending with the U.G.C.**

906. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposals of various Universities for better management pending clearance with the University Grants Commission; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the pending proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No proposal of any University for better management is pending clearance with the University Grants Commission. However in pursuance of the thrust areas identified by the National Policy on Education 1986, the UGC has recently initiated a number of schemes in the higher education sector. The schemes initiated by the Commission for better management of the University system in the country include the following:

(i) Scheme of Autonomous colleges.

(ii) State Councils of Higher Education.

(iii) New Model of an Affiliating University.

(iv) Alterate management patterns for unversities.

(v) Inter-University Centres.

(vi) Accreditation and assessment machinery.

(vii) Performance Appraisal for teachers.

(viii) National qualifying test for appointment of Lecturers.

**Purchase of Platform Tickets**

907. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway has decided to take several steps including introduction of a permit system for purchase to platform tickets to control crowd at Railway Stations in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether due to faulty planning and other basic amenities at the Railway Stations, the crowd remains at Railway Stations in Delhi; and

(d) whether Government propose to make elaborate changes at the railway stations in Delhi, and if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir, at New Delhi Railway Station.

(b) The following steps are being taken to control crowd at New Delhi Railway Station:

(i) Restriction on issue of platform tickets.

(ii) Limiting, to the extent possible, the stacking of parcels and RMS bags on the passenger platforms.

(iii) Preparation of a Master Plan to develop terminal facilities at other stations in Delhi.

In addition, it is also proposed to make alterations in the foot-over-bridges at New Delhi station.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Master Plan has been developed. No target date has been fixed.

## पुराने रेलवे पुल

908. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय 50 वर्ष से अधिक पुराने रेलवे पुल कितने हैं ;

(ख) क्या ये पुल इनसे गुजरने वाली गाड़ियों के भार को वहन करने की क्षमता रखते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इन पुलों के नवीकरण का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

**रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद)** : (क) ऐसे लगभग 81,500 पुल हैं ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) प्रति वर्ष सभी रेल पुलों का निरीक्षण किया जाता है और आवश्यकता पाये जाने पर मरम्मत की जाती है । जिन पुलों की हालत खस्ता हो जाती है उन्हें कार्यक्रम के आधार पर फिर से बनाया जाता है या उन की विशेष रूप से मरम्मत करके पुनः स्थापित कर दिया जाता है ।

## Development of Chitrakoot as Tourist Resort

909. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have taken steps to develop Chitrakoot as a tourist resort exposed to national and international tourist in view of its close proximity to Khajuraho;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, how do Government propose to extend facilities to the national and international tourists visiting Khajuraho to cover up Chitrakoot during their visit; and

(d) what facilities have been provided by Government to tourists in Chitrakot to attract their attention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. With a view to providing accommodation facilities to tourists visiting Chitrakoot the Central Department of Tourism has constructed a Yatrika through the Bharatiya Yatri Awas Vikas Samiti. In addition, Department has drawn up plans in consultation with the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to develop a new travel circuit in the